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1. THE BASIS FOR OUR APPROACH TO ORGANIZATION AND
PROCEDURAL FOLLOW-UP TO THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PLAN
HAS BEEN THE OPEN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TASK FORCE
DIRECTORS WOULD SUBMIT APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS
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COVERING THEIR AREAS AND THAT THE EWG WOULD TAKE THESE
UP IN THE PREPARATION OF THE REPORT TO THE SUMMIT,
ALONG WITH CONSIDERATION OF INITIAL PROPOSALS BY THE
INTERNATIONAL STAFF ON OVERALL ORGANIZATIONAL AND
PROCEDURAL MATTERS. WE DO NOT WISH TO DELAY EWG
CONSIDERATION OF KEY ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL
MATTERS, THOUGH WE CAN POSTPONE DETAILED STAFFING

DISCUSSIONS WHICH MINISTERS WON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED
IN ANYWAY. WE SEE ROOM FOR ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE

HERE, AND URGE YOU SEEK SUPPORT OF OTHER DELEGATIONS.

2. STATE 83566, DTG 312244Z MAR 78 GAVE OUR INITIAL
VIEWS IN GENERAL, INCLUDING STRONG AND CLEAR SUPPORT

FOR APPLICATION OF THE MNC SINGLE MANAGER CONCEPT,
WHERE APPROPRIATE. FYI. HOWEVER, WITH REGARD TO
POSSIBLE INCREASE IN CIVIL BUDGET REFERRED TO,
THIS WOULD BE A LAST RESORT, AND WOULD HAVE TO BE
VIEWED IN LIGHT OF PARAS 2 AND 3 OF STATE 063416.
END FYI.

3. STATE 87964, DTG 060101Z APR 78 FURTHER ELABORATED
ON OUR INITIAL VIEWS AND GAVE OUR PRIORITIES FOR
INITIAL STAFFING.

4. WE AGREE WITH MISSION POSITION FOR 13 APRIL
EWG MEETING AS DESCRIBED PARA 4 REFTTEL, EXCEPT
THAT IN FALL-BACK POSITION WE WOULD ADD MNC SINGLE
MANAGER CONCEPT. ALL SHOULD HAVE EQUAL PRIORITY.

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